



**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

**Title of Invention** VIDEO ASPECT RATIO MANIPULATION

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
- ☒ Application No. 10/802,043, filed on March 15, 2004,
- ☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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**FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)**

Inventor 1 John J. Sie Date: 3/19/04

Signature: [Signature] Citizen of: United States

Inventor 2 John C. Beyler Date: 3/19/04

Signature: [Signature] Citizen of: United States

Inventor 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Additional inventors are being named on additional form(s) attached hereto.

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OR

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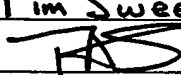
**Assignee Name and Address:**

Starz Encore Group LLC  
8900 Liberty Circle  
Englewood, Colorado 80112

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**SIGNATURE of Assignee of Record**

The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Name	<b>Tim Sweeney</b>			
Signature		Date	<b>April 13, 2004</b>	
Title	<b>VP, Business Affairs -- Marketing &amp; Intellectual Property</b>		Telephone	<b>(720) 852-5819</b>



**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: John J. Sie; John C. Beyler

Application No./Patent No.: 10/802,043 Filed/Issue Date: March 15, 2004

Entitled: VIDEO ASPECT RATIO MANIPULATION

Starz Encore Group LLC, a Limited Liability Corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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6/16/04  
Date  
(303) 571-4000  
Telephone number

Thomas D. Franklin  
Typed or printed name  
[Signature]  
Signature  
Attorney for Applicant  
Title

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John J. Sie John C. Beyler

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No.

## 3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger  
☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name  
☐ Other:

Execution Date: 03-19-04 (Sie); 03-19-04 (Beyler)

## 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Starz Encore Group LLC

Internal Address:

Street Address: 8900 Liberty Circle

City: Englewood State: CO ZIP: 80112

Additional name(s) and address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No**COPY**

## 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

A. Patent Application No(s): **10/802,043**

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## 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Thomas D. Franklin  
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## 6. Total number of applications and patents involved 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$40.00☐ Enclosed☒ Authorized to be charged to deposit account8. Deposit account number: **20-1430**

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Thomas D. Franklin  
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, John J. Sie of 17 Huntwick Lane, Englewood, CO 80110; John C. Beyler of 395 Winterthur Way, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129 hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: VIDEO ASPECT RATIO MANIPULATION

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: 03-19-04; 03-19-04

Filing Date: March 15, 2004

Application No.: 10/802,043 ; and

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WHEREAS, Starz Encore Group LLC, a corporation of the state of Colorado, located at 8900 Liberty Circle, Englewood, CO 80112, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

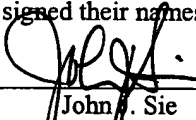
For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

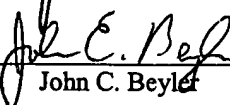
Assignors hereby authorize and request Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated: 3/19/04

  
John J. Sie

Dated: 3/19/04

  
John C. Beyler